the information furnished by the Govt. of Punjab, 46 terrorists were killed in encounters with the security forces in the State during the period from 1st May, 1986 to 31st October, 1986. During the same period, 1105 terrorists were arrested in the State.

(b) and (c) During the above period 236 persons, including 46 Pakistanis and 20 Indian nationals were killed by the Border Security Force and 731 persons, including 56 Pakistanis and 60 Indian national, were apprehended by the force at the Punjab/Pakistan border while they were trying to enter the Indian territory.

Setting up of atomic power plant at Kundankulam

1643. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 453 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th December, 1985 and state:

(a) whether Government have considered the report of the Site Selection Committee for setting up nuclear power station in Kundankulam in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken by Government to set up an atomic power plant at Kundankulam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) The report of the Site Selection Committee of the Department of Atomic Energy is under consideration of the Government.

Organised recruitment racket in Staff Selection Commission

1644. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large-scale organised recruitment racket in the Staff Selection Commission has been recently unearthed;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what was the *modus operandi* of the racketeers and the period for which they had been operating;

(d) what is the total number of persons recommended by them and the number of persons employed in various Government Departments on their recommendation indicating the number of those who have since been confirmed in their jobs; and

(e) what action has been taken by the Government against those found involved in the racket and what action is being contemplated by Government against the persons who have secured employment fraudulently?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As a result of inquiries made by the Staff Selection Commission into the complaint, received by them, it was initially found that in about 40 cases nominations for the appointment to post of Lower Division Clerks were made fraudulently. After collecting the relevant evidence and material, a FIR lodged with the CBI to conduct detailed investigation.

(c) The racketeers were preparing fake application dossiers of candiadtes who had not been declared successful in the said examination or who had not even applied for the said examination and nominating them to the various departments fradulently. The investigation so far conducted have revealed that they have been operaing during the years 1984 and 1985.

(d) So far the total number of fraudulent nominations which have come to the notice are 86 in number. None of these have been confirmed in thier jobs.

(e) The there officials who were found to be involved in the racket were arrested and were under police/judicial remand for about two months. They have also been suspended from the concerned departments. The services of the persons appointed fraudulently have been terminated in all the cases.